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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/520,108 Confirmation No. 6989
Applicant : Achim Brenk et al
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Examiner : Trevor Edwin McGraw
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Customer No. : 02119

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

ELECTION

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2005, please receive into the record of the above-identified application the applicant's election of species.

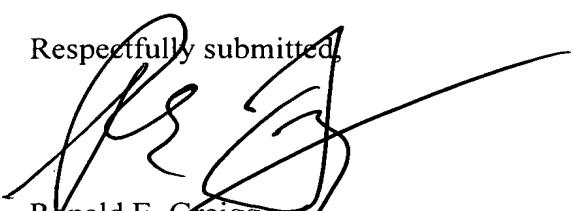
The applicant elects the species consisting of Figures 1-4a for examination at this time.

Claims 27-45 are considered to be readable on that species.

An action on the merits of the claims is courteously solicited.

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